

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/606,533

Applicant(s)

RHODES ET AL.

Examiner

Jeffrey G. Hoekstra

Art Unit

3736

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jeffrey G. Hoekstra.

(3) _____.

(2) Steve Manich.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 22 June 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-45.

Identification of prior art discussed: n/a.

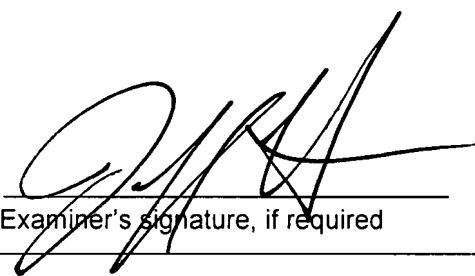
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Examiner and Applicant discussed the Appeal Brief filed 12/13/2006 appealing the Final Office Action mailed 08/10/2006. Examiner indicated the arguments presented therein were persuasive and prosecution would be reopened.

Examiner and Applicant discussed that reopening prosecution necessitated clarification of the record with regards to the Requirement for Restriction/Election mailed 12/19/2005. Examiner indicated and Applicant agreed that clarification of the initial Requirement for Restriction/Election and a new grounds of Requirement for Restriction/Election would be set forth in the subsequent Office Action, which also served to withdraw the finality of the previous rejections, in order to further define Applicant's invention.